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In the Specification:

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--FIGURE 1 shows a filter plate 1 according to the prior art, having a central bore 2. FIGURE 2 shows a section of part of a stack formed from plates 1. Four plates are shown in the Figure, but the stack may comprise additional plates depending on required filter surface area; the stack is confined in a housing not shown in the Figure. In the housing, a flow of pressurized mixture for filtration is maintained. The plates comprise a porous ceramic support body 3, formed from e.g., aluminum oxide and having a relatively large pore size, e.g., > 1µm, and

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